

**Emergency Rule**  
LSA Document #13-489(E)

DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-2-15](#) to require the use of hunter orange on grounds blinds only while deer hunting. Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-3-16](#) to allow the hunting of eastern cottontail rabbits on designated DNR properties from October 1, 2013, through January 31, 2014. Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-4-8](#) to allow the hunting of ring-necked pheasants through December 22, 2013, statewide and on designated DNR properties through January 15, 2014. Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-4-9](#) governing the hunting of bobwhite quail by modifying the north and south zones, season dates, and bag limits. Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-7-6](#) governing the taking of black bass in Scales Lake in Warrick County, Gibson Lake in Gibson County, and Big Long Lake in LaGrange County. Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-7-12](#) governing the walleye. Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-7-21](#) by allowing an unlimited number of lake whitefish to be taken per day. Effective October 18, 2013.

SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-2-15](#).

(b) An occupied ground blind must have at least one hundred forty-four (144) square inches of hunter orange that is visible on each side of the blind from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset when the hunter is required to wear hunter orange and hunting deer in accordance with [IC 14-22-38-7](#) or [312 IAC 9-3-2\(u\)](#).

SECTION 2. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-16](#).

(b) An individual may take eastern cottontail rabbits (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) from November 8, 2013, through February 15, 2014.

(c) An individual may take not more than five (5) eastern cottontail rabbits per day.

(d) An individual may take eastern cottontail rabbits from October 1, 2013, through January 31, 2014, within the boundaries of the following:

(1) The following state fish and wildlife areas managed by the division of fish and wildlife:

- (A) Atterbury.
- (B) Blue Grass.
- (C) Brush Creek.
- (D) Chinook.
- (E) Crosley.
- (F) Fairbanks Landing.
- (G) Glendale.
- (H) Hillenbrand.
- (I) Hovey Lake.
- (J) Jasper-Pulaski.
- (K) J. E. Roush.
- (L) Kankakee.
- (M) Kingsbury.
- (N) LaSalle.
- (O) Minnehaha.
- (P) Splinter Ridge.
- (Q) Sugar Ridge.
- (R) Pigeon River.
- (S) Tri-County.
- (T) Wilbur Wright.
- (U) Willow Slough.
- (V) Winamac.

(2) The following lake properties managed by the division of state parks and reservoirs:

- (A) Brookville.
- (B) Hardy.
- (C) Mississinewa.
- (D) Monroe.

- (E) Patoka.
- (F) Salamonie.

(e) An individual must not do the following:

- (1) Hunt rabbits unless that person wears hunter orange.
- (2) Remove, dislodge, or attempt to remove or dislodge a rabbit from a hole, den, cavity, or tree hollow with the aid of any of the following:
  - (A) A ferret or other small animal.
  - (B) A mechanical device.
  - (C) A chemical.
  - (D) Smoke.
  - (E) Fire.
  - (F) A fume.

(f) A person must not possess a live eastern cottontail rabbit outside the season established in subsections (b) and (d) except with one (1) of the following:

- (1) A game breeder license under [312 IAC 9-10-4](#).
- (2) A wild animal possession permit under [312 IAC 9-11](#).
- (3) A wild animal rehabilitation permit under [312 IAC 9-10-9](#).
- (4) A scientific purposes license under [312 IAC 9-10-6](#).
- (5) A nuisance wild animal control permit under [312 IAC 9-10-11](#).
- (6) An educational or scientific institution registered or licensed with the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with 9 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Parts I through IV.
- (7) A breeder or dealer license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture under 9 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Parts I through IV.

(g) An individual who lawfully takes a rabbit may give to another individual one (1) or more carcasses of a rabbit, with no compensation of any kind. A rabbit that is gifted must have a tag attached that contains the following information:

- (1) The hunter's name and address.
- (2) The total number of rabbits taken.
- (3) The date the rabbit was taken.
- (4) The signature of the hunter who took the rabbit.

(h) A carcass of an eastern cottontail rabbit may be possessed by the following:

- (1) The individual who lawfully took the eastern cottontail rabbit during the seasons established in subsections subsections *[sic]* (b) and (d).
- (2) An individual who received the carcass under subsection (g).
- (3) An individual with a valid taxidermy license under [IC 14-22-21](#) and [312 IAC 9-10-5](#).
- (4) An individual with a valid scientific purposes license under [312 IAC 9-10-6](#).
- (5) An individual with a valid nuisance wild animal control permit under [312 IAC 9-10-11](#).
- (6) An individual with a valid special purpose salvage permit under [312 IAC 9-10-13.5](#).

(i) A person must not sell a live eastern cottontail rabbit except under a valid game breeder license under [IC 14-22-20](#) and [312 IAC 9-10-4](#).

SECTION 3. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-4-8](#).

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d), an individual may hunt ring-necked pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*) from November 8, 2013, through December 22, 2013.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (e), an individual may take two (2) cock pheasants per day.

(d) An individual may hunt ring-necked pheasants from:

- (1) Atterbury;
- (2) Crosley;
- (3) Glendale;
- (4) Jasper-Pulaski;
- (5) LaSalle;
- (6) Pigeon River (west of State Road 3);
- (7) Tri-County;

- (8) Willow Slough (north of County Road 100 North);
- (9) Winamac (south of the abandoned C & O Railroad); and
- (10) J. E. Roush;

Fish and Wildlife Areas from November 1, 2013, through January 15, 2014.

(e) From November 23, 2013, through January 15, 2014, an individual may hunt two (2) ring-necked pheasants per day of either sex on Atterbury, Crosley, Pigeon River (west of State Road 3), Tri-County, Glendale, J.E. Roush, Willow Slough (north of County Road 100 North), and Winamac (south of the abandoned C & O Railroad) Fish and Wildlife Areas. During the season established under this subsection, whenever applicable, a hunter must:

- (1) pay designated fees; and
- (2) hunt within assigned units.

(f) An individual may take two (2) pheasants per day of either sex on Deer Creek Fish and Wildlife Area on November 24, 2013.

(g) Notwithstanding subsection (e), an individual may take two (2) pheasants per day of either sex on J. E. Roush Lake Fish and Wildlife Area on the following dates:

- (1) December 7, 2013.
- (2) December 8, 2013.

(h) The head and head plumage of a ring-necked pheasant must remain attached to the carcass while the ring-necked pheasant is in transit from the site of taking.

SECTION 4. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-4-9](#).

(b) An individual may hunt northern bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*) only as follows:

- (1) South of State Road 26, from November 8, 2013, through January 15, 2014.
- (2) North of State Road 26, from November 8, 2013, through December 22, 2013.

(c) An individual may take the following number of quail per day:

- (1) five (5) northern bobwhite quail north of State Road 26; and
- (2) eight (8) northern bobwhite quail south of State Road 26.

SECTION 5. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-7-6](#)(e).

(b) An individual must not take or possess a largemouth bass unless the largemouth bass is less than twelve (12) inches long or more than fifteen (15) inches long from the following designated lakes:

- (1) Buffalo Trace Lake in Harrison County.
- (2) Celina Lake in Perry County.
- (3) Indian Lake in Perry County.
- (4) Saddle Lake in Perry County.
- (5) Scales Lake in Warrick County.
- (6) Shakamak State Park Lakes in Clay County, Greene County, and Sullivan County.
- (7) Tipsaw Lake in Perry County.
- (8) Ferdinand State Forest Lake in Dubois County.
- (9) Montgomery City Park Lake in Daviess County.

SECTION 6. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-7-6](#)(i).

(b) An individual must not take or possess more than two (2) largemouth bass per day, and an individual must not take or possess a largemouth bass unless the largemouth bass is at least eighteen (18) inches long from the following designated waters:

- (1) Tri-County State Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (2) Robinson Lake in Whitley County and Kosciusko County.
- (3) Ball Lake in Steuben County.
- (4) Gibson Lake in Gibson County.
- (5) Loon Pit at Blue Grass Fish and Wildlife Area in Warrick County.

SECTION 7. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-7-6](#)(j).

**(b) An individual must not take or possess more than five (5) black bass in aggregate per day from the Blue River located in Crawford and Harrison counties. Each black bass taken from the Blue River in Crawford and Harrison counties must be less than twelve (12) inches long or more than fifteen (15) inches long but not more than two (2) per day can be taken that are longer than fifteen (15) inches.**

SECTION 8. **(a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-7-12](#).**

**(b) An individual may take or possess not more than six (6) of any combination of walleye, sauger, or saugeye per day.**

**(c) Except on the Ohio River, and as provided in subsection (d), an individual must not take or possess a walleye or saugeye unless it is at least fourteen (14) inches long.**

**(d) An individual must not take or possess a walleye from the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph County or Elkhart County or from the Elkhart River from its confluence with the St. Joseph River to the first dam in Elkhart County unless it is at least fifteen (15) inches long.**

SECTION 9. **(a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-7-21](#).**

**(b) An individual may take or possess an unlimited number of lake whitefish per day.**

SECTION 10. SECTIONS 1 through 9 of this document expire on February 28, 2014.

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